

Regarding changing the rules for MMSI numbers issued by BoatUS. I received such a number about one year ago. I sail internationally and would, under this proposal need to obtain another MMSI number.

Reading my radio's manual, I learned I can only program different MMSI numbers a couple of times. After that, the radio must be returned to the manufacturer for this option to be reset. This can create a couple of problems.

If I sell this radio or purchase a used one, it'll likely need to be returned to the manufacturer for reset. How many sailors are going to actually do this, especially if their purchasing the radio for an upcoming trip. I fear you'll eventually have an abundance of radios at sea with inappropriate MMSI numbers, simply because the process has become so daunting.

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